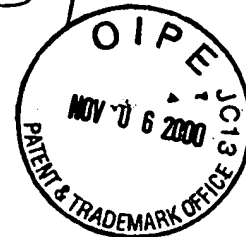


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In re the application of : Date: October 25, 2000
G. Frees et al. : Group Art Unit: 2754
Serial No.: 09/191,577 : Examiner: A. Castro
Filed: November 13, 1998
For: MOUNTING INTERFACE FOR A SPINDLE MOTOR



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Washington, D.C. 20231

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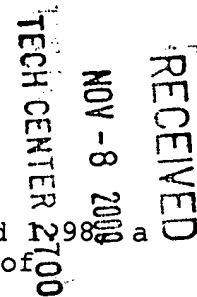
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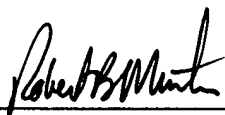
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